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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

PALAZZO VINTAGE HOMES, LLC, an Oregon company,

Plaintiff,

V.

URBAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, LLC, an Oregon company, STEWARDSHIP REALTY, an Oregon company, DEZ DRAFTING & DESIGN LLC, an Oregon company and VLADIMIR OZERUGA, an individual

Defendant.

Case No. 09-CV-952-PK

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AND FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

Pursuant to Rule 15(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff Palazzo Vintage Homes, LLC ("Palazzo"), submit this First Amended Complaint to add new Defendants Stewardship Realty, LLC ("Stewardship"), DEZ Drafting and Design, LLC ("DEZ") and Vladimir Ozeruga ("Ozeruga") to its Complaint against Defendant Urban Housing Development, LLC ("UHD"). Plaintiff alleges as follows:

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# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*) and false designation of origin under the Lanham Act of 1946, as amended, (15 U.S.C. § 1051 *et seq.*).
- 2. This Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and 15 U.S.C. § 1121(a).
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant is engaged in conducting business in the state of Oregon and elsewhere in the United States in connection with the allegations of this lawsuit, causing injury to Palazzo in Oregon, and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant resides in Oregon for purposes of establishing venue under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c), and venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a).
- 5. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims of this action occurred in Oregon.

### THE PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff Palazzo is an Oregon company, with a principal place of business at 211 NE Weidler, Portland, Oregon 97232, USA.
- 7. Palazzo specializes in designing and building high quality, green certified vintage homes.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendant UHD is a company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, with a principal place of business at 6916 SE 85th, Portland, Oregon 97211, USA.

9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Stewardship is a company duly organized

and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, with a principal place of business at 7530 N

Willamette Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97203, USA.

10. Upon information and belief, Defendant DEZ is a company duly organized and

existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, with the last known location of a registered agent

being at 14735 SE Hemmen Ave., Clackamas, Oregon 97015, USA.

11. Upon information and belief, Defendant Vladimir Ozeruga, an individual, is the

owner of Urban Housing Development, LLC and resides in the State of Oregon.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF** 

(Copyright Infringement)

12. Plaintiff Palazzo incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding

paragraphs.

13. Palazzo is, and at all relevant times has been, the sole owner of all exclusive rights

under United States copyright law with respect to certain of its architectural works (collectively the

"Copyrighted Works").

14. On March 4, 2009, Palazzo filed a copyright application for one of the Copyrighted

Works entitled "Bella Amica (Built March, 2008)." This application was registered with the

number VAu 993-191.

15. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 106, among the exclusive rights granted to Palazzo under

United States copyright law are the right to reproduce the Copyrighted Works in copies embodied

in both plans and constructed buildings, the right to prepare derivative works based upon the

Copyrighted Works, and the right to distribute copies of the Copyrighted Works by sale or other

transfer of ownership.

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16. Upon information and belief, in or about 2009 Defendant UHD infringed the

Copyrighted Works by constructing and/or selling a home located at 8160 N Haven Avenue in

Portland, Oregon ("the Accused home"), in violation of Palazzo's exclusive rights. Upon

information and belief, Defendant continues to construct and/or sell homes that infringe one or

more of Palazzo's Copyrighted Works.

17. Upon information and belief, in or about 2008 and/or 2009 Defendant Ozeruga

infringed and/or contributed to the infringement of the Copyrighted Works by participating

personally in and/or deriving financial benefits from Defendant UHD's construction and/or sale the

Accused home, as well as being the dominant influence in UHD that determined the policies that

resulted in the above-described infringement.

18. Upon information and belief, in or about 2009 Defendant Stewardship infringed

and/or contributed to the infringement of the Copyrighted Works by listing the Accused home for

sale. Upon information and belief, Defendant Stewardship will infringe and/or contribute to the

infringement of the Copyrighted Works by selling the Accused home.

19. Upon information and belief, in or about 2008 and/or 2009 Defendant DEZ infringed

the Copyrighted Works by creating plans for use in constructing the Accused home.

20. By reason of Defendants' infringement and threatened infringement of Palazzo's

Copyrighted Works, Palazzo has sustained and will continue to sustain substantial injury, loss and

damage to its ownership rights in the Copyrighted Works.

21. Defendant's infringements were and are in willful and conscious disregard for

Palazzo's rights in and to the Copyrighted Works, and the resulting damage to Palazzo's rights in

the Copyrighted Works is such as to warrant increased damages in order to provide just

compensation.

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22. Palazzo is entitled at least to its actual damages and any additional profits of the

Defendants that are attributable to Defendants' infringement, or in the alternative, the maximum

statutory damages allowed by law.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(False Designation of Origin)

23. Palazzo incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding

paragraphs.

24. Upon information and belief, in or about 2008 and/or 2009 Defendants UHD and/or

DEZ claim to have authored the design of the Accused home, which constitutes a false designation

of origin, in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

25. Upon information and belief, Defendant Ozeruga has contributed to the false

designation of origin described above by participating personally in and/or deriving financial

benefits from Defendant UHD's above-described activities.

26. Upon information and belief, Defendant Stewardship Realty has perpetuated and

contributed to the false designation of origin described above by describing the Accused home in

real estate listings as being "Another Beautiful home by Urban Housing Development."

27. By reason of Defendants' acts complained of herein, Palazzo is entitled to the

remedies provided for in 15 U.S.C. § 1116 et seg.

28. Defendants' acts complained of herein were and are in willful and conscious

disregard for Palazzo's authorship rights in and to the Copyrighted Works, and the resulting

damage to Palazzo's goodwill and reputation is such as to warrant the trebling of damages in order

to provide just compensation.

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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF** 

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

1. That Defendants have willfully infringed Palazzo's copyrights in the Copyrighted

Works;

2. That Defendants have willfully violated Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act;

3. That Defendants, their directors, and officers, agents, servants, employees, and all

other persons in active concert or privity or in participation with them, be enjoined permanently

from infringing or contributing to the infringement of the Copyrighted Works;

4. That Defendants, their directors, and officers, agents, servants, employees, and all

other persons in active concert or privity or in participation with them, be enjoined permanently

from building, selling or marketing homes or home designs, or directing others to commit these

acts, in any way that tends to deceive, mislead or confuse the public as to the authorship of the

homes or home designs;

5. For an accounting against each Defendant for an amount adequate to compensate for

the Defendant's infringement of Palazzo's copyrights, including:

a. actual damages to Palazzo resulting from the Defendant's infringement and the

Defendant's profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C.§ 504(b); or

b. in the alternative, an accounting against the Defendant for maximum statutory

damages of \$150,000 as provided by 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);

6. For an accounting against each Defendant for an amount adequate to compensate for

the Defendant's false designation of itself or another as the origin of the Copyright Works,

including interest, and that the amount of recovery be increased as provided by law, up to three

times as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117;

7. An award to Palazzo of its reasonable attorney's fees and costs; and

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8. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

## **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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